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HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of C.C.B.C. will be held at CONFRONT, 1130 Walnut Street, Allentown on Wednesday, December 28th at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect officers, to receive the report of the Gay Switchboard Committee, and to report progress on the drive for gay rights.

Elections were not held at the last meeting because the persons present (13 people) felt they were not representative of the group as a whole. Some persons also left the meeting before this item of business was taken up. Tim Metz was nominated, also, at this meeting for Male Co-Chairperson.

Nominations are open until elections for all offices. The officers will consist of 2 Co-Chairpersons (One male, one female), Vice-Chairpersons of Planning, Membership, and Publicity, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. (See Newsletter #4 for those who had been nominated before.)

ZAP- Wednesday, December 21st at Noon

"Guess Who's Coming Out?" the theme adopted for the party at City Hall. C.C.B.C. is the correct answer to the question, of course, as we stage a dramatic rebirth of our membership breaking forth from the closet as open, proud gay persons and their friends. (Let us never forget that many non-gay people belong to our organization, or that we enjoy the super-solid support of NOW and ACLU among other groups in our common struggle for dignity and justice.)

Preparation for the ZAP will be done on Monday, December 19th, 7:30 P.M. at 1136 Walnut Street, 1st floor apt. (the grey half of the double next door to CONFRONT toward 12th.) That evening we will be making posters with slogans on "coming out", and constructing a door frame for use on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, then, we will be gathering at 11:30 in the parking lot below City Hall (on the East, lower side toward 4th Street. At Noon we will begin waving signs, flags, etc. and chanting gay slogans to attract attention. (Song sheets will be available for participants). At some point we will march through the infamous closet door as a gesture of "coming out". A text on gay rights will be printed for distribution to the public attracted to the demonstration. And Press releases will be handed to the press and media. Joe Burns will act as spokesperson for this event.

MS. Dixie White is lining up the press and media, Tracey Everett is in charge of the props. We apologize that we erred in crediting Ms. Carolee Gifford with checking the site and time. Ms. Carol Block performed this valuable service. Carolee has helped in other ways.

Please remember that even if you cannot come out of the closet on Wednesday, you can still help on Monday by ^{bringing} your magic marker, or just your smiling self. You can always help! In the famous words of a bar-tender most of us have probably known, "I can't go to meetings, but I push a little here, give a little shove there when there's a chance."

A HINT OF THE FUTURE

We are contacting other groups into gay switchboards and counselling for advice and future programs. Also, we are lining up the visitors and those to be visited for gay rights. Also, we are planning to speak out. Get READY!

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